

the amendment for the body to reconsider whether or not they want to run that risk. I do not care to have the responsibility all on my shoulders for failing to offer the amendment in view of this additional information. I think Senator Kremer also has additional information, indicated by correspondence from DOT, that might add to your thoughts on whether or not this language should be stricken from the bill.

SENATOR MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp, then Senator Schmit, then Senator Kremer. Senator DeCamp, you have the floor.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I vigorously and strongly oppose the amendment offered by Senator Warner. Senator Warner correctly stated that it would completely remove the amendment we put on the other day. Here are the other effects-- it immediately goes ahead and removes all these signs that we talked about. It says all it takes to scare the State of Nebraska, all it takes to bluff out the Legislature is a Mr. Hogruff, some federal government official, waiving a letter or memorandum, giving his own interpretation, acting like a super supreme court and saying "Hey guys, I ain't going to lose my job, so you quit passing this kind of amendments because otherwise we're going to threaten you with loss of your funds". Well Mr. Hogruff, I know the thing that you're most scared of is loss of that federal job. I know you've probably been sucking off that public...well anyway you've been nursing off the public all your life and you hate to see anything done that would jeopardize that federal job. So you can go out and tear down our signs. Maybe you're right. Maybe somewhere up in the vast reaches of Washington somebody is going to ultimately say "Hey, we are going to take away your funds". But when we ask them a similar question on the Net System, when they made a threat, it took them 21 months to even reply to the letter. If it is all that serious, as the Governor said it only cost \$5,000 to have a special session a couple years ago. It isn't going to cost that much to come back and correct it. I doubt they can even locate Nebraska in six months, let alone take our funds. This is your chance to do something for Nebraska and save \$250,000 of state money, the sole purpose of which is to go out and destroy what we already have. This is like saying "Here is \$250,000 we appropriated out of the Legislature. Go out and destroy something in the state. Go tear down the Capitol or something". It is the same type of thing. I think if ever we're going to call the shots and going to call their bluff, this is the place to do it. If we run every time any official, and remember this is a bureaucrat, a bureaucrat in the truest, purest, most wonderful sense of the word. A bureaucrat writes a letter to the Legislature, gives his interpretation and says "Run, suckers, run because if you don't I'm going to write Washington and tell them I don't like you and I'm going to take your money". Well just how far as we going to bend over? I think the time has come to say no. I think the time has come to call their bluff. I think this is the issue. I urge you to reject the amendment, to stick with our savings of \$250,000, to come back and enact 534 next year, at which time you can find exactly how far we can go and to, if you want to use the word, take that gamble that if there is any problem, if there is any real problem we could come back in session, we may have other matters. But if you just knuckle under, when one bureaucrat writes you a letter, man, we are in sad shape here.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Cullan calls for the question. Do I see five hands? Okay, I see five hands. Shall debate now cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Twenty-five votes necessary. Voting aye, Mr. Clerk.